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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM: SALT DEVELOPMENTS

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM VEST, THROUGH SONNENFELDT

1. AMBASSADOR JOHNSON TABLED THE U.S. DRAFT AGREEMENT ON MARCH 5. IN SUBSEQUENT PLENARIES JOHNSON HAS COMMENCED DETAILED EXPOSITION OF OUR DRAFT, A PROCESS EXPECTED TO TAKE UNTIL THE LAST WEEK OF MARCH.

2. THE SOVIET DELEGATION HAS YET TO RECEIVE MOSCOW'S REACTION TO THE U.S. DRAFT AND HAS THUS FAR REFRAINED FROM EXPLICIT COMMENT ON IT. THE SOVIETS HAVE CONTINUED EXPOSITION OF THEIR DRAFT AND THE POSITIONS THEREIN. HIGHLIGHTS OF MAJOR ISSUES ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A. MIRV VERIFICATION: THE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THAT NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS ARE SUFFICIENT FOR VERIFI-  
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CATION AND THAT NO "COUNTING RULES" ARE NEEDED. THEY

CONTEND THAT SUCH RULES WOULD PLACE ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS--  
BEYOND VLADIVOSTOK--ON FREEDOM-TO-MIX AND MODERNIZATION  
AND REPLACEMENT. THE U.S. DELEGATION HAS REITERATED THAT  
MIRV VERIFICATION IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM AND WE SEEK SOVIET  
HELP IN REACHING SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS.

B. ASM'S: THE SOVIETS CONTEND THAT THE VLADIVOSTOK  
UNDERSTANDING COVERS AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILES "OF ANY  
TYPE" WITH A RANGE EXCEEDING 600 KILOMETERS (I.E., CRUISE  
AND BALLISTIC) AND THAT THE U.S. INTERPRETATION THAT ONLY  
BALLISTIC MISSILES ARE COVERED IS UNWARRANTED. PROVISIONS  
OF THE SOVIET DRAFT WOULD IN ADDITION BAN ASM'S ON  
NON-BOMBER AIRCRAFT AND MIRVED ASM'S. BOTH BANS ARE  
OBVIOUSLY AIMED AT OUR AIR-MOBILE ICBM PROGRAM.

C. BACKFIRE: THE SOVIETS HAVE RESPONDED TO OUR INCLUSION  
OF BACKFIRE IN THE AGGREGATE BY CONTENDING THAT IT IS  
NOT AN INTERCONTINENTAL SYSTEM.

3. AMBASSADOR JOHNSON REPORTS THAT SINCE WE TABLED THE  
U.S. DRAFT THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT CONVEYED THE PREVIOUS  
SENSE OF URGENCY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. INGERSOLL

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